

What is Claimed is:

1. A self-service terminal comprising:
means defining a media entry slot;
5 shutter means movable into at least partly overlapping relationship with the
slot; and
control means for moving the shutter means relative to the slot to define an
entry aperture.

10 2. A self-service terminal according to claim 1, further comprising transaction
processing means for controlling the flow of transactions.

15 3. A self-service terminal according to claim 1, wherein the shutter means
comprises a plurality of shutters.

4. A self-service terminal according to claim 3, wherein one shutter is movable
vertically relative to the slot, and another shutter is movable horizontally relative to the slot.

20 5. A self-service terminal according to claim 1, wherein the shutter means
comprises paired opposed shutters.

6. A self-service terminal according to claim 1, further comprising media sensors
disposed in the slot.

25 7. A self-service terminal according to claim 1, further comprising indicator
means located adjacent the slot for informing a user of the orientation of media to be
deposited.

8. A self-service terminal comprising:
means defining a media entry slot;
a number of shutters movable into at least partly overlapping relationship with
the slot; and
5 a controller for moving the shutters relative to the slot to define an entry
aperture.

9. A self-service terminal according to claim 8, further comprising a transaction
processor for controlling the flow of transactions.

10. A self-service terminal according to claim 8, wherein the number of shutters
comprises a single shutter.

11. A self-service terminal according to claim 8, wherein the number of shutters
15 comprises a plurality of shutters.

12. A self-service terminal according to claim 11, wherein one shutter is movable
vertically relative to the slot, and another shutter is movable horizontally relative to the slot.

13. A self-service terminal according to claim 8, wherein the number of shutters
20 comprises a number of paired opposed shutters.

14. A self-service terminal according to claim 8, further comprising media sensors
disposed in the slot.

15. A self-service terminal according to claim 8, further comprising a number of
25 indicators located adjacent the slot for informing a user of the orientation of media to be
deposited.

16. A method of accepting media entered into a self-service terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

determining the type of media to be entered;

determining a preferred aperture size for entry of the determined media type;

5 adjusting the size of an aperture provided on a fascia of the self-service

terminal to correspond with the preferred aperture size; and

accepting media entered into the aperture.

17. A method according to claim 16, further comprising the step of moving a
10 shutter into at least partly overlapping relationship with a media entry slot provided on the self-service terminal to adjust the size of the aperture.

18. A method according to claim 16, further comprising the step of indicating to a
15 user an expected dimension and/or orientation of the media to be entered, prior to media entry.

19. A method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of indicating to a user an expected dimension and/or orientation of the media to be entered, prior to media entry.